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Following apparent altercation during youth football games

New Brockton Town Council members look for solutions

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held a routine monthly meeting Monday evening, Oct. 3, as the council worked through the agenda in a timely manner; however, there was one matter that seemed to deeply concern the council.

During the department head reports, councilman Richard Driskell spoke on behalf of the recreation board and gave mention to an incident that occurred last weekend at the ball field during the youth football games.

Driskell said there had been an ongoing problem with parents upset because coaches were not playing every player on the teams. He said he had received several complaints to this nature.

Driskell said the problem apparently escalated to an altercation last weekend between some parents and coaches.

In an attempt to try and avoid these type situations in the future, Driskell told his fellow council members he plans to look at the current rules for the youth football program and create a new rule indicating every player on each team be allowed to play a certain number of downs during a game.

Driskell said he hopes to have the new rule implemented by next year's youth football season.

Mayor Charles Cole asked Driskell to check and see if the youth football program falls under the leadership of the recreation board or the "A" Club. He said if it is the recreation board, the town certainly will take the necessary steps to



NEW BROCKTON COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFERY WHITE was greeted with lots of black balloons and decorations during Monday evening's council meeting. It was White's 40th birthday, and following the meeting, his fellow council members sang "Happy Birthday" before joining him for refreshments.

prevent incidents like the one from last weekend.

Mayor Cole told council member the cost of employee health insurance is increasing. He said only three employees have the health insurance, and he suggested the town pick up the cost of the increase.

A motion was unanimously approved for the town to pay the increase for health insurance at \$13 per month per person. For the three employees, that will be \$39 per month.

Mayor Cole presented an update on the Tyler Street project.

New bidder submits offer for Dorsey Trailer Company assets

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The bankruptcy court actions in the Dorsey Trailer Company, Inc. Chapter 11 bankruptcy case is set for another hearing before the federal judge in Montgomery, Alabama on November 8th.

An amended reorganization plan dated September 15th was submitted to the court for acceptance by the parties involved.

Those authorized to vote on accepting the new proposal have until November 1st to return their respective ballots accepting or disapproving acceptance of the plan. Only certain debtors have the authority to vote on this matter.

The present plan includes an offer from Trade Land Cattle Company, LLC, of Colorado Springs, Colo. to pay \$2,700,000.00 for the assets of the company. The offer assumes that title will transfer free and

clear of all mortgages, liens and other encumbrances. It also includes a clause, "to the extent permitted and allowed, the purchaser shall be insulated from preexisting environmental claims."

In a section of the filing form the court explains that if this offer is accepted the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, a member of the voting class, will be limited to the money already reserved for it (\$100,000) in the findings by the bankruptcy court.

While certain creditors have a vote in this matter, the Debtor can ask the bankruptcy court to confirm the plan over any rejection vote.

ect. He said the money has been approved for the project.

"FEMA said they would not patch Tyler Street," Cole said. "They will fix it."

With that in mind, Cole revealed some projected dates that have been released concerning this project. He said the let of bids is scheduled for January 2006, selection of contractor is set for February 2006 and the projected completion date for Tyler Street is August 2006.

Acting Chief of Police Dale Grimes told council members he would have information together by the next working session and council meeting to present regarding a neighborhood watch program.

Mayor Cole reminded those in attendance of upcoming committee meetings. He said the Christmas committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, at 9 a.m. at the Brock House. The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. The Downtown Revitalization committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 12:30 p.m. Cole also reminded council members of the economic development summit to be held Thursday, Oct. 27, in Eufaula.

Christmas committee chairman Barbara Herron updated council members on the annual Christmas parade. She said it is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3.

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Coffee County citizens warned of "Jury Duty" phone scam

A new phone scam has been detected that has proven to work quite well. It is being used for identity theft, known as the "Jury Duty Scam."

This scam reportedly works by catching the victim off guard and makes them less vigilant about protecting their confidential information.

According to Coffee County Circuit Clerk Mickey Counts, the scam artist calls indicating he/she works for the local court system and says the victim has failed to report for jury duty.

Counts said the victim may or may not have actually had jury duty or received a summons for jury duty.

At that point, the caller tries to



SQUARE BECOMES CENTER OF INFORMATION...The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home and Elba Chamber of Commerce joined forces last Saturday, Oct. 1, to sponsor a community health fair and business expo on the square in downtown Elba. The event activities included free screenings for diabetes, elevated cholesterol and hypertension while information was provided on many topics including nutrition, health and fitness, home care, animal safety, injury prevention, disaster preparedness, breast and cervical cancer, the ALL Kids health insurance program and much more. The business expo portion of the event found several local businesses with displays providing residents with an overview of the products and services they provide. The American Red Cross also was onsite for a community blood drive. Elba native Amanda Calhoun (right) came home for the event to provide information from the Alabama Department of Public Health. Calhoun currently resides in Montgomery, Ala., where she works as a public health officer with the Alabama Department of Public Health. She works with various grant and educational programs including child and fire safety. Assisting Amanda with the distribution of information was her father, Terry Calhoun. Additional scenes from the event can be found on Page 14.

take control and asks for the victim's confidential information, such as, Social Security number, drivers license number, birth date, and sometimes a credit card number. With this information the scammer has completed his/her mission to steal the victim's identity.

Counts said he first heard of the scam through an email issued through the Better Business Bureau and the Administrative Office of Courts. So far, the scam has been reported in Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Counts said last week the scam is possibly taking effect in Alabama. He

said there have been a few calls with similarities reported to the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Ala.

Counts said that most courts including Coffee County send jury duty notices to potential jurors through the mail and would not ever call to notify a person they have court duty. He said the summons from Coffee County will include his name and a local telephone number not a toll-free number.

Counts urges residents to be aware of this scam and not give confidential information over the phone.

For more information about the scam or to report being a victim of the scam, call Coffee

County Circuit Clerk Mickey Counts at 897-2954 or 347-2519.

NEWS BRIEF

During the Monday, Sept. 26, meeting of the Coffee County Commission, a new manager for the Damascus Senior Citizens Center was appointed.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said Margaret Waters had resigned from that position, and he recommended the commission appoint Robbie Hudson as manager and Amanda Johnson as assistant manager.

Judge Paul Sherling presents program to Elba Kiwanis Club

John McClung introduced District Judge Paul Sherling who presented a program on the duties of his office at the breakfast meeting Thursday, Sept. 15, of the Elba Kiwanis Club.

Judge Sherling discussed the new school truancy law which was instituted by the Children's Policy Council this school year. After five days of unexcused absences, students (and parents) must appear before the truancy court.

This law was designed to keep children in school and decrease school dropout and long-term failure. Schools are identifying students at greatest risk of school dropout and school social workers are working with families to keep students in school until graduation. The social workers are also working with families to increase parenting skills so they will know how to help their children become mature and responsible adults.

Addressing the problem of poor family supervision/discipline and students at risk for school failure will be addressed in forums to educate parents about the truancy policy and to assist parents with resources/agencies that are available to help them with parenting skills.

Judge Sherling gave an example of a parent who refused to go to truancy court with her child, and they sent an officer to escort her to court.

Truancy cases are not to be taken lightly. Court officials are working on ways to help parents become more responsible for the actions of their children

and to encourage school attendance.

The Elba Kiwanis Club meets every first and third Thursday for a breakfast meeting (7-8 a.m.) at The Ranch House. New members are welcome.

Contact Sam Cooper, president, at the Dairy Queen (897-5188) or Tim Gunnells, vice president, at Elba Church of Christ (897-2057).



COFFEE COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE Paul Sherling (left) and Kiwanis club member John McClung (right) discuss the new school truancy law. McClung introduced Sherling as the guest speaker during the Thursday, Sept. 15, meeting of the Elba Kiwanis Club.

NOTICE

Coffee County Health Department. The Clinic will be held at the health department on Tuesday, Oct. 27, the light and patient only.

Friday, Nov. 4, and Friday, Nov. 11, to open to the general public from 9:11 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Medication and advice. Don't forget to bring your medication with you.

Don't forget to bring your ID card. If you don't have one, a \$1 fee will be charged. Don't forget to bring your insurance card. Don't forget to bring your ID card.

Area Happenings

THE 2005 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON starts next week Friday, Oct. 7, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will be joined by the New Brockton Grizzlies, the Zim Tigers, and the Elba Tigers. The Elba Tigers will be joined by the New Brockton Grizzlies, the Zim Tigers, and the Elba Tigers.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL RUNNING RACE will be Friday, Oct. 14, at 5 p.m. Please participants should meet behind the old high school for buses between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 12 Noon. Call Elba High School at 897-2954 for further information or to submit an entry.

JOHN AND EMILY HARRISON will be the winners of the \$100,000.00 prize. They will be the winners of the \$100,000.00 prize.

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. The Alabama Department of Public Health will be holding a community meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Elba Kiwanis Club. The meeting will be held at the Elba Kiwanis Club.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

For years there have been experts warning of the shortfall in pension plans of many of America's largest companies. This week we read a report on state pension plans that doesn't sound good. With retiring baby boomers just around the corner there is an estimated \$262 billion shortfall projected in these taxpayer funded plans. State officials all across the nation have for years pumped up future retirement benefits without allotting tax dollars to pay the bills. The retirement funds can be prorated and government retirees short changed. The most likely option will be more money pumped into the retirement plans. Ultimately the taxpayers of the respective states will again be called on to cover this shortfall. Add in the shortfall in retirement plans of private industry and someone is really going to be hurting. Guess who? The American taxpayer will cover all these shortfalls. It is that or billions more people on welfare . . . also at taxpayer expense.

Wet Bounce sheets can clean lovebugs from cars. Carolyn Butcher gave us that tidbit, but only at the end of the lovebug season. At least one person promptly tried it. . . on a "friend's" car! She said it worked, but has yet to use it on her own automobile. We gave it a whirl also and were well pleased with the results plus it didn't take off the paint either. The lovebug will return next year as they have for many years, so remember that tidbit of information.

Harriet Miers has been named to fill an empty seat on the U. S. Supreme Court. Immediately after the announcement by President Bush, the opinions started flowing. Before eight a.m., our e-mail box was hit with messages praising this woman. We wonder if those voicing their opinions so quickly had ever heard of the woman before or were just supporting anything George W. Bush said? Within the hour we were getting negative messages on Miers. The same question arises about them knowing her or were they just against anything George W. Bush was for? Politics has for generations made strange bedfellows and this issue is no exception. Here are liberal Democrats in Washington praising the lady and hard core conservative Republicans very upset over the nomination. One of our correspondents was upset because the nominee was not an extremely vocal conservative, as he professed to be. His position was "we did a lot to elect George Bush and the nominee should reflect our positions." Forget that Congress of 2005 probably would never confirm anyone to the extreme either way. It will take someone believed, and we stress the word believed, to be middle of the road to collect the necessary votes for confirmation. History has shown that previous expressed opinions don't always hold true after being named to this lifetime position. We remember Alabama's Hugo Black, a confirmed KKK member. He went on to be a leader of the supreme court and to cast many votes classified as "very liberal".

Labeling a judge conservative or liberal continues to bother us in this corner. It would be nice to believe that each judicial decision was based on a strict reading of the law as written by the state or federal lawmakers.

Elba Police Report

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20 - The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 26, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one lost check, three for domestic violence, four for assault, one theft of property, one harassing communications, one disorderly conduct, one resisting arrest and one family dispute. The following arrests were made: two for domestic violence, one for assault, one for criminal mischief, one for disorderly conduct and one for resisting arrest. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no seat belt, three for no child restraint, one for no insurance and one for speeding. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1015 Paris St. (12:22 a.m.); River stage - 5.21 feet (7:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1015 Paris St. (8:53 a.m.); Disturbance (customers) reported at SouthTrust Bank (9:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 114 (10:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9177 County Rd. 306 (1:44 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 2732 Hickman Ave. (4:51 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27 - Routine activity.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...September's Business of the Month
Moseley's Photography and Design

Moseley's Photography and Design, as it has recently been named, was established over 30 years ago as Dale Moseley, photographer, and the business operated out of the home. Initially, the business specialized in weddings and anniversaries. As the business continued to grow, Dale and his wife, Gloria, the owners, bought property in downtown Elba and moved the business out of their home. The business was located at the corner of Claxton Avenue and Davis Street for 12 years. At this time the business began to have regular studio hours during the week. The new location and additional hours allowed the business to expand its offerings to include studio sessions and videography.

After experiencing two floods and losing many irreplaceable negatives, Dale and Gloria, and their sons, who had begun working in the business at this time, decided to purchase property on higher ground and erect a new building. The business is now located at 401 East Davis Street. The staff now includes six employees.

The business has now developed into a regional business and serves the southeast United States. Today it offers a multitude of services in the photography and graphic design industry. In the realm of photography, the business offers expert, experienced photography for weddings, anniversaries, portraits, modeling, and commercial and products photography.

Recently the business has expanded and now offers high-end design advertising for corporate and commercial use including custom brochures, logo designs, and business identity. By adding these new services, Moseley's has the ability to integrate photography and graphic design services and

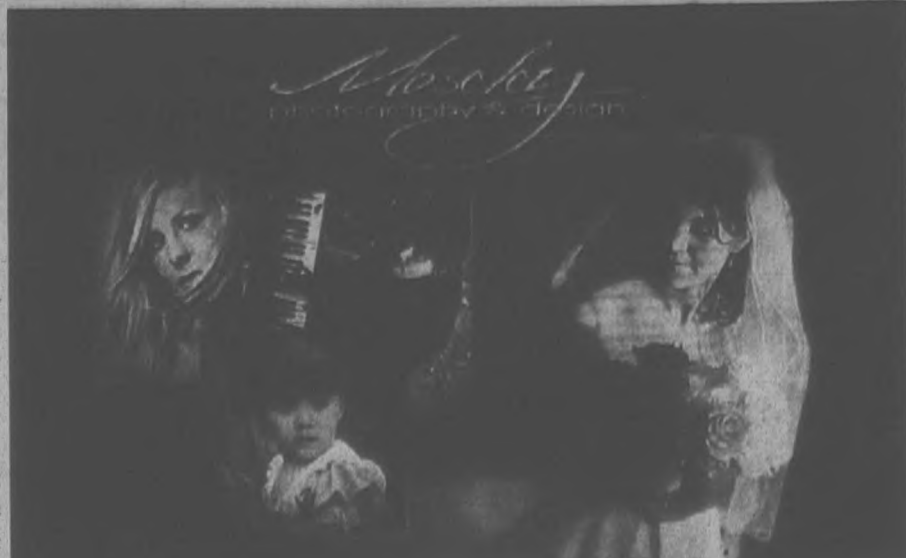
offer a complete advertising package.

Moseley's now produces high-resolution digital images for photographs, CD's, DVD's and restoration of old photos. The studio also has a wide selection of traditional and contemporary frames which will be framed professionally for the customer. In addition to these offerings, the studio offers video services.

The spacious gallery is available for rent for such occasions as small weddings, receptions, showers, class reunions, rehearsal dinners and anniversary celebrations.

As Moseley's continues to expand its offerings and reach a larger area, its roots are grounded in Elba. For this reason the business is active in the Elba Chamber of Commerce and works to serve its hometown first and foremost.

For your convenience, you may now visit us on the web at: www.moseleysphotographyanddesign.com.



Moseley's Studio recently became Moseley's Photography and Design



Phillip Nelson got this huge rattlesnake one day last week near the Zoo Community eight miles north of Elba. It had nine rattlers and a button and was 6 feet long.

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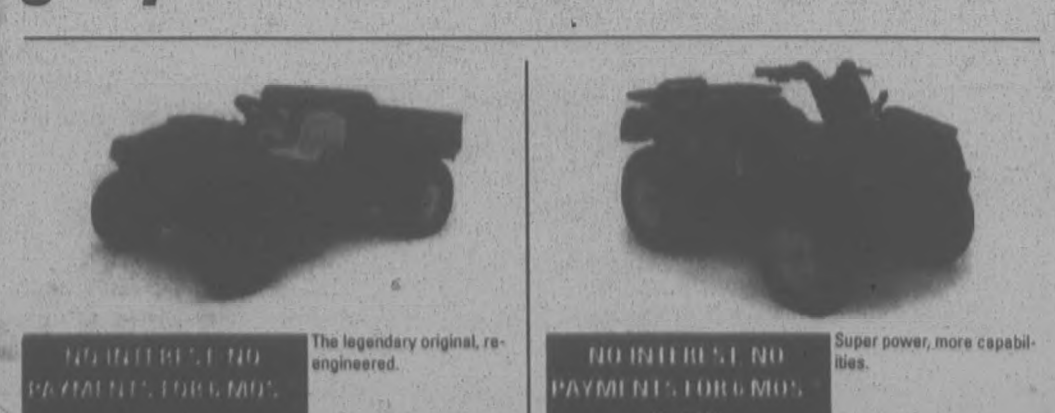
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle on Wednesday, October 19th at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting. Alabama State Auditor Beth Chapman will be speaking. The menu will be a buffet and drink for \$8.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCray at 897-1771.

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Obituaries



RUSSELL LEE POPE

Mr. Russell Lee Pope, age 41, of Troy, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005 at Troy Regional Medical Center in Troy. Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Hebron Church Cemetery Jack, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Janet Lynn Pope and daughter: Kayla Pope, both of Troy; his mother: Linda Faye Pope and father: Mark Matthews Pope; two brothers: Ronald Dean Pope and Marcus Matthews Pope, all of New Brockton, Ala.

Laura Frances Nelson

Mrs. Laura Frances Nelson, age 74, of Phenix City, Ala., died Saturday Oct. 1, 2005 in a Phenix City nursing home. She was born in Brantley, Ala., lived in Largo, Fla. for a time and Elba, Ala. for 25 years before relocating to Phenix City. Memorial services were held

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Mark Gray officiating. Mrs. Nelson was preceded in death by her husband, D. C. Nelson. Survivors include two sons: Ralph Nelson (Carol), Vero Beach, Fla.; Jimmie Wayne Nelson (Pat), Louisville, Ky.; four brothers: Hoover Castleberry, Sam Castleberry, Billy Joe Castleberry and Manuel Castleberry; one sister: Cassie Rae Weeks; four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Dear Friends & Family,

Thank you for the love and kindness shown to us during our bereavement. Thank you for your love of Rachel. This makes the loss bearable. Whether it was a visit, flowers, food, kind word, donation, prayer or any combination of these, we thank you. We are so thankful that we have you to help us during this time of sorrow. Keep us in your prayers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I, Brenda L. Robertson, felt as though the decision that Mr. Dunn, the principal, and the cheerleader coach, Mrs. Barnes made on my daughter, Rashawnda R. Whitfield, whom is a varsity cheerleader I saw was a varsity cheerleader as of 10-05-05, was totally wrong and misjudged.

Here is the reason why she was cut from the squad. She was at one of the cheerleader's house when she walked in on them saying racial remarks about her, and mind you these are girls she has been on the squad with for a couple of years, so she made the decision not to cheer that night at the game because she was hurt and upset by their comments so the principal and their cheerleader coach decides that they were going to cut her from

the squad because she did not cheer. Now on the other hand the coach was out of town when this happened, but the captain of the squad called the coach and told her version of the story and not hearing Shawnda's story. So she told the captain to tell Shawnda, if she didn't cheer she was going to get kicked off of the squad.

Now tell me, do you think this is fair? Write me and tell me what you think of this situation. Thank you,
A concerned parent,
Brenda Robertson

P.S. This is Elba High School we are talking about, and this is where your child may be enrolled at, so please write me at 1622 Stoumdene St. and let me know. Thanks.

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The Nazi Who Saved Paris

As daylight broke on August 2, 1944, a fifty-three year old Texan sat in a trailer in the middle of an apple orchard in Normandy, France. His name was Dwight Eisenhower, and he was the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force that had stormed ashore on the beaches of Normandy nearly two months earlier.

Eisenhower had just realized that his forces had to bypass Paris, leaving it in German hands for at least another six weeks. As the report on the table in front of him made clear, he had no choice. Written by Allied planners, it said: "The capture of Paris will require a civil affairs commitment equivalent to keeping eight divisions in the field." With nearly 400,000 soldiers (37 divisions) racing towards Germany, they were already short of gasoline and supplies. How could he supply a liberated Paris?

Nine hundred miles east of Eisenhower's trailer, Adolf Hitler sat

in his headquarters. He had also made a decision: one that would force Eisenhower to change his plans. Before daylight could turn to dusk, Hitler would order the destruction of Paris.

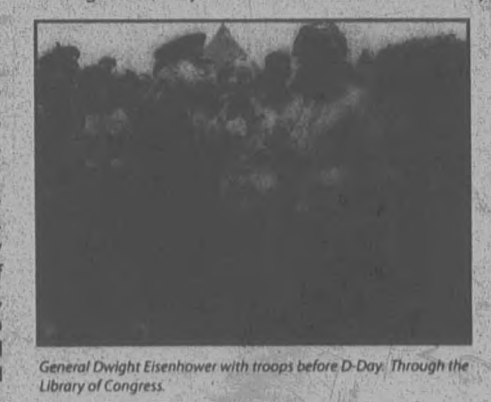
On August 7 the man chosen to carry out the German Fuhrer's order arrived in Paris as its new commander. His name was General Dietrich von Choltitz. For the next twelve days, residents quietly went about their daily lives as German engineers mined the city's bridges, water works, sewer system, museums, palaces, and even the Eiffel Tower.

Then, early on the morning of August 19, French resistance fighters attacked the Germans. Gaining control of the main police station, Paris City Hall, and other key buildings, they fought off German soldiers who counterattacked with tanks, bazookas, and machine guns. As casualties on both sides mounted, the Swedish Consul General, Raoul Nordling met with von Choltitz near dusk and negotiated a truce.

Von Choltitz agreed to the truce because, for the first time in his distinguished career, he questioned his orders. He realized Germany would lose the war, and believed history would never forgive the man who destroyed the most beautiful city in Europe. What could he do?

Three days later, on August 22, von Choltitz invited Nordling to his office for a drink. He showed him his orders, and then explained that only if the Allies liberated Paris within forty-eight to seventy-two hours could the city be saved. After that, German reinforcements would arrive, forcing him to carry out his orders. Could Nordling help him save the city?

The Swede was stunned, but arranged to get word to the Allied generals by sending his brother across German lines. Crossing into Allied territory on August 23, they met with General Omar Bradley.



General Dwight Eisenhower with troops before D-Day. Through the Library of Congress.

who told them Eisenhower was aware of the situation. Now, knowing the German general wanted to save the city, the Allies raced towards Paris. Two days later, led by the "Free French Army's 2nd Division, they liberated Paris.

On August 28, Walter Model, who commanded all German forces in Western Europe sent a message to his General Staff Command that began: "I have asked the president of the Reich Tribunal to open a criminal proceeding for breach of discipline against General der Infanterie von Choltitz and his accomplices."

Dietrich von Choltitz served nearly three years as an Allied prisoner of war, and then returned to his home in Germany where he lived until his death in 1966. Find out more about him, the plan to destroy Paris, and his dramatic rescue. Take The Web Journey.

Next Week: The Supreme Commander becomes the Commander in Chief.

THE WEB JOURNEY

Dietrich von Choltitz: Paris' Unlikely Savior

This article originally appeared in the magazine "World War II." It explains why Hitler chose von Choltitz, what triggered the general's doubts about his orders, and the steps he took to prevent the destruction of Paris.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/acutt>

Paris Libre

The magazine Paris Libre created this resource to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Paris' liberation. It includes original photographs with explanatory text, a chronology of events, and a glossary identifying the major players.

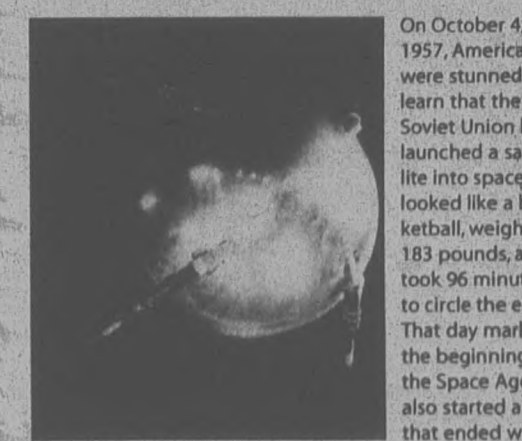
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French Resistance

This entry from the Spartacus Education World War II Encyclopedia examines the development of the French Resistance after the Nazis occupied France in June 1940. It includes links to biographies of its leaders, primary source documents, and other material.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/bmtz>

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!



The first satellite in space. Through NASA Archives.

Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. What was the name of the satellite the Soviet Union launched? Do you need to find the answer, or get more information?

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BEYOND OUR BORDERS



A castle overlooking the Danube River. Through the Danube River Youth Commission.

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NEW ARRIVAL

JOHN YORK IV "JAY"

John and Elaine Hudson York of Deltona, Fla. announce the birth of John York IV "Jay" on July 30, 2005 at Winter Park Hospital, Orlando, Fla. Jay weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Local grandparents are Don and Sue Hudson of New Brockton and the late Carol Ann Hudson of Apopka, Fla. Great-grandparents are Louise Wambles Hudson of Elba and the late Dick Hudson.



John York IV

The children of Charles McGlothren and Edna Smart request your presence at the reception honoring their marriage

October 15, 2005
3:00 p.m.

at Moseley's Studio in Elba, Alabama

10 year Reunion planned by Elba High School Class of 1995

The Elba High School Class of 1995 is planning a 10-year reunion during the weekend of Elba High School's Homecoming, Oct. 14.

On Friday, Oct. 14, class members will have an opportunity to ride a float in the Homecoming parade, attend a reception at 5:30 p.m. at the Elba High School cafeteria and sit together at the Homecoming football game (Elba vs. Wickburg).

On Saturday, Oct. 15, reunion

events will include a brunch for the ladies during the morning hours and Bar-B-Que at the Barn (Smith Family Farms) at 6 p.m.

For more details and costs, class members interested in attending any or all of these events should contact Penny (Morrow) Walker at (334) 285-8954 or Amanda Pope at (334) 347-7900 ext. 21. A website at www.elbahighschool.com can be accessed at www.elbahighschool.com.

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Mr. Lyons & Miss Boyd united in holy matrimony on August 6th

The marriage ceremony uniting Hannah Vaughan Boyd and Grant Patrick Lyons was celebrated on Saturday, August 6 at six o'clock in the evening at the Elba United Methodist Church with the Reverend Mr. Stanley Carter officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Augustus Boyd, IV. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Leon Augustus Boyd, III and the late Mr. Boyd of Richburg and Mrs. Ben Waylon Helms and the late Harrison English Bullard of Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell Lyons, II of Knoxville are the parents of the groom. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Story of Crossville, Tennessee and Mr. and Mrs. John Russell Lyons of Memphis.

The double doors of the church were marked with the letters "V" and "G" formed from green basil. Large swags of English garden flowers arched over the doorways. Similar flowers in antique cut glass vases in the narthex honored the memory of the bride's late grandfathers and uncle.

The choir loft was centered with a massive arrangement of pink Anna roses, pink cabbage roses, white Virginia roses, Butch of Ireland, white hydrangeas and button pompons, daisies, white monstera, and elegans. Pillar candles in black wrought iron flanked the arrangement.

The same flowers in cascading bouquets accented the pillar candles that burned in hurricane shades placed before the church's stained glass windows which are Coffee County's memorial to the confederate dead.

Green satin cones holding sprays of white mini calla lilies, roses, and trailing ivy marked the pews.

John Russell Lyons II of Knoxville attended his son's wedding. Groomsmen were Scott Lyons, brother of the groom from Knoxville and the bride's brother, Leon Augustus Boyd V of Dothan.

Also serving as groomsmen were Kevin Walker Barberio, Ross Alexander Dorough, and Joshua Brent Gamble all of Birmingham and Gregory Scott Cahill and Stephen James Mercer both of Orlando.

Ushers were the bride's cousins James Douglas Martin, III and Martin Edward McCormick of Elba. Her cousin, Harrison Lucas Bullard carried the family Bible, while Charles Ballard, Grace of Navarre, Florida carried the rings on a French hand sewn pillow the bride's mother made for the bride when she was a baby.

Registering the guests was Lela Williams of Birmingham. The bride's book was placed on a tall white plantation desk featuring a wrought iron "L" which had been created especially for the occasion by Oliver Williams of Enterprise, Fla. Program attendants were Laurel Marie Story, the groom's cousin, of Colorado and Mary Catherine Cash of Elba. Ringing the church bell to mark the wedding hour was Colton Bane Vaughan, the brides cousin, of Elba.

The bride was attended by Shanna Tillis Handley of Shelby as matron of honor and Jamie Sumner Dorsett of Prattville as a maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Hope Tilley Boyd of Cananah of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Sunshine Green English and Maci Kendall English from Twin City, Georgia, Penny Lee Helms of Enterprise and Sally Laine Helms of Birmingham all members of the bride's extended family. Honorary bridesmaids were cousins Hannah Rebecca Martin and Ammie Elena McCormick of Elba.

The wedding supper was served from round tables covered in floor length white cloths all made by the bride's maternal grandmother. Towering pyramids of greenery, fresh fruits, daisies and alstromeria lilies topped with fresh pineapples called attention to the Mexican dishes presented at one food station and the selection of meats and breads on another.

A large wicker basket filled with white calla lilies decorated the table where fruits, vegetables, and seafood were served. All of the green and white pottery serving bowls and platters were handmade by the bride's father who found the inspiration for his designs in the leaves and plants growing on the family farm at Richburg.

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was placed at one end and a punch bowl encircled with green hydrangeas and pink coral vine at the other.

Tables presenting a large selection of salads, dips, and pastries were adorned with light and hot pink peonies, green button pompons and cascading sprays of English ivy resting atop white wrought iron stands. Scattered around the floor were round tables where guests could be seated. They were decorated with white roses, white peonies, and white hydrangeas. The bride's parents entertained at a reception at the Elba Recreation Center where a hand painted banner reading "Vaughan and Grant" announced the event. The bride was outfitted with potted ferns and flaming torches. Hundreds of tiny lights twinkled in the trees and the entry steps were banked with pink and white impatiens. A wreath of magnolia leaves and wedding bells arched over the doorway.

Inside the walls were hung from the ceiling with white brocade cotton. Tall, white bouquets with fuchsia carnations and large ferns outlined the room. The centerpiece of the room was a similar column placed atop a cluster of round tables holding aloft a massive arrangement of magnolia and white roses in shades of pink, larkspur, snapdragons, bells of Ireland, and pink Asiatic lilies. Curly willow reached to the ceiling while Confederate jasmine and sprays of baby's breath cascaded down the table top.

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The guests entered through a wrought iron arch emblazoned with a large "L". They were welcomed by the music of "The Fabulous Shades" of Bessemer performing from a white draped platform backed by masses of bare tree branches outlined with twinkling white lights.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Loreal Flowers
New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ

Many times we get alarmed when tragedies happen, and things that we didn't think would happen occur. But always remember what the Book of Job says "For the things which I greatly feared is come upon me and that which I was greatly afraid of is come unto me." There are many things in our lives that we will have to go through and there are many afflictions of the righteous as well as non-Christians we will have to encounter. But if we can maintain our relationship with Christ, we will always come out victorious. The Bible says when we therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by David the prophet, stand in a holy place. So we must prepare ourselves for the next storm that will come in our lives, and pray that we will be counted worthy to escape the things that will come to pass. So it is time for us to come together and unite ourselves in the Spirit of oneness. We also need to pray for our sisters and brothers in need considering ourselves. There is always other storms. But remember that the end is not yet.

"God Bless"

Scriptures: Matthew 24 & Job 3:25-26

Gospel singing to be held in the park at New Brockton

A gospel singing will be held in the park at the New Brockton town park on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. This will feature Destination Heaven from Crestview, Fla. The Snellgroves of Jack, Ala. and more. There is no admission charge. A love offering will be received. Please bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be available. For more information call (334) 672-1301.

Shady Grove AME to host "Wonderful Wednesdays"

Shady Grove AME Church will start hosting "Wonderful Wednesdays" on October 12th. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend. The program will consist of tutoring with home-

work, bible study, and activities each Wednesday. Refreshment will be served. For more information contact ConTina Caldwell at 897-0977.

Covenant Hospice to sponsor free concert on the square October 8th

Covenant Hospice invites the community to join in celebrating National Hospice and Palliative Care Day with a free gospel concert in the downtown square Saturday, October 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There is no charge for the concert, and it is open to everyone in the community. There will be free hotdogs and cokes while they last. The featured gospel performers will be the Burning Bush Family from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Good News Trio from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both groups will have CDs and tapes for sale.

Bring a lawn chair. For more information, contact Jodie Williams at 334-427-0775.

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN	DAKOTA BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert McWaters Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, AL. Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Sam Grantham Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.....Wed. 7:00 p.m.
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Bernard Strickland Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELNA BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Sam Grantham Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Nathan Carroll - Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Sam Grantham Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
BETHLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Date Phillips-Cook, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Pastor: Sam Grantham Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evangelistic Service.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Pastor: Rev. David Taddick Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Sunday Night.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night.....7:00 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Sims, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Pastor: Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.	ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Rev. Billy Redd Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.
CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Arthur Barbee Church Service.....9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:00 a.m. Sun. School.....11:00 a.m. In. 3rd & 5th Sundays.....12:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:00 a.m.	ELBA 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE L. R. HILL METHODIST Sunday School.....12:00 noon Morn. Worship.....12:00 noon 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays.....12:00 noon	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Marty Gray, Pastor Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Fellowship.....9:45 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Devotionals).....6:00 p.m.	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Markie Parks Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Notice:

The Elba High School junior class will start selling magazines Monday, Oct. 17. Anyone interested in purchasing or renewing a subscription should notify any junior class member or call Elba High School at 897-2266.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS!!!

If you missed the October 1st deadline for grad ads for the 2005-2006 yearbook, please get them in to in any journalism ASAP!

Make checks payable to Elba.

Prices:
1/8 \$50 1/4 \$90
1/2 \$110 FULL \$160

Anything from a cute poem to heart-filled note or how about some embarrassing pictures.

Elba Elementary School elects SGA officers and representatives

by Shawanna Wright
Elba Elementary has elected the SGA officers and representatives for the first semester. Activities include the thought for the day every morning following the pledge, helping in the pencil store and planning to hold a canned food drive in November. They recently sold Elba Tiger wristbands and are currently raising money for an announcement sign to put in the front of the school.



SGA officers and representatives

GRIDIRON PRIDE

CHAPTER SEVEN

by Linda M. Hodge

The Ambassadors continued to enjoy some success during the second half of the season. They also suffered some blows. The main difference, though, was the support of the community. The people continued to support the team through it all. Whether the plays were good or bad, they cheered and lifted the team.

"It's been a pretty cool season," Tad admitted one Saturday afternoon while outside throwing the football back and forth with his dad. "I never expected to have this much fun."

"Who ever would have guessed Dad actually made a good decision," David joked.

"I'm not admitting anything like that," Tad responded. "I'm just saying it's been a fun season."

"Do you wish you got to play more?"

"You know, being on the field is great, but I don't regret watching from the sidelines either. I've learned a lot about the game and people. I don't know that I would have been able to understand the importance of this season as much if I had been on the field the entire time."

"I'm not sure I follow, son."

"Most of the guys have played for Dalton City their entire lives. They have real compassion for the game because they've grown up with the stories of the tradition. When we came here, I had no respect for the tradition of anything. Becoming a member of the football team was your idea, not mine; but, over time, I watched, learned and gained an appreciation for the team and people of Dalton City."

David was impressed with the change of attitude his son was showing. He had had an agenda for getting Tad involved in the football program but wasn't real sure his plan would work. Now, he was beginning to believe. For the first time in quite some time, the two were having a real conversation, something David had really missed.

"I've been a real pain towards you, Dad, since we moved here. Believe it or not, I actually do regret that. I let bad decisions cloud my judgment in Chicago, and I almost wrecked my entire future."

"I know you thought I moved you here to punish you, but that's not true. Really, it was about finding a sense of belonging for both of us. We were drifting apart. I was busy all the time, and you were spending the majority of your time alone. You got caught up with the wrong crowd of people and began ignoring those who cared for you. Then, you had that senseless accident driving drunk while drag racing with your buddies. You were lucky no one was seriously injured or killed and the only damage was to your vehicle. I decided right then coming here could be new start for us both."

"Dad, I want you to know I'm working really hard to make you proud of me again. We've only been here a short time, but I think I've finally got my head on straight and my act together."

"I've always been proud of you, Tad. You made a mistake in Chicago, but I knew you had it in you to overcome that mistake. You just needed some encouragement."

"Alright, enough with this heart-to-heart stuff, what do you think our chances are at winning next Friday's game? You know if we win that one, it means Dalton City will host a first round playoff game. I think it's been about 10 years since that's happened."

"I think you boys can do anything you put your minds to. I've seen more pride and determination from this team than any to ever put on the Red and Blue."

"The guys have worked real hard for this, and I hope we are able to pull it off. That will really put the icing on the cake for the season. Hey, maybe I'll even get a little play time in this one."

Author Linda M. Hodge is a native of Elba, Alabama. Gridiron Pride is produced in partnership with this newspaper. Copyright 2005.

Next Week: CHAPTER EIGHT
Tad Gets In The Game

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Melanie Mularz & Shawanna Wright

Journalism Spotlight

by Tori Brooks



Stephanie Corder
color pink
Congratulations Stephanie on being chosen as this week's journalism spotlight.

Elba Elementary School elects SGA officers and representatives

Mrs. Lynn Baker, SGA sponsor, encourages not only the SGA students, but also the other students to participate and help make the fundraisers and their other activities a success.

SGA officers consists of Thomas Cole, president; Chase Saul, vice-president; Brinley Williams, secretary; and Jake Caniney, treasurer.

Representatives are Caitlin Cooper, Gunnar McCollough, Reid Rials, Ty Stewart, Jarrett Johnson, Morgan Matthews,



Elba Elementary School SGA Officers are: (left to right) Thomas Cole, Chase Sauls, Brinley Williams and Jake Caniney.

Elba High hosts volleyball tournament this weekend

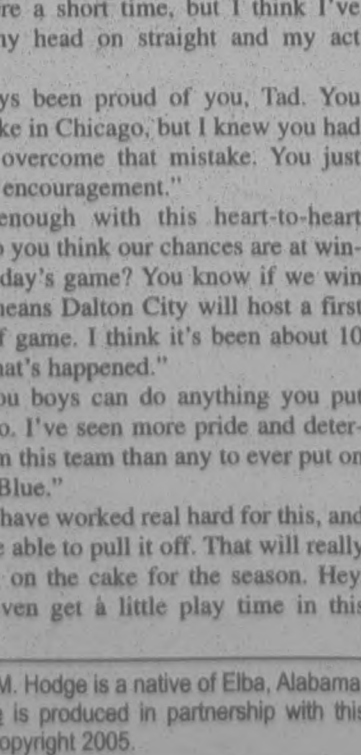
by Melanie Mularz

The newest chapter in the history of Elba High School athletics will take place Saturday, Oct. 8, when the Lady Tiger Volleyball team hosts the first annual Elba High School Volleyball Tournament.

While Elba High School has hosted a number of area tournaments over the years, this week's event will mark the first time the school has hosted an invitational tournament.

The tournament will tip-off Saturday morning at the Elba Tiger Gym, and while the Lady Tigers will host the event, some of the teams expected to participate are Kinston, Zion Chapel and Sanson, as well as several others.

The Lady Tigers urge all their fans and all Elba sports fans to come out Saturday and show our visitors support for high school athletics.



The Elba High volleyball team includes: (standing, left to right) April Finedore, Anna Petty, LeAnna Henderson, Melanie Mularz, Jenae Wilson, Whitney Lawford, Asleigh Waddell, Kendall Stinson, Kristin Parker; and (kneeling) Coach Amelia Rhoades.

Junior class holds first class meeting of year

by Melanie Mularz

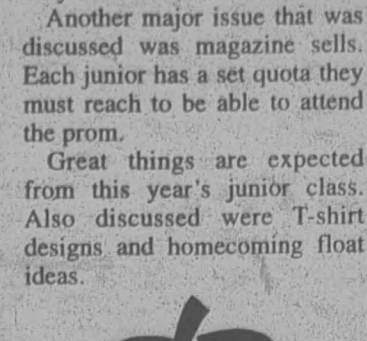
On Tuesday, Sept. 27, the junior class met and discussed the upcoming events.

Presiding over the meeting were previously elected officers, President Christina Bryant, Vice President Sydney Brunson, Secretary Melanie Mularz and Treasurer Anna Petty.

Ballots were handed out and the students voted on and chose one lucky girl to be this year's '05-'06 junior, homecoming attendant. The winner was announced at last Friday's pep rally.

Another major issue that was discussed was magazine sells. Each junior has a set quota they must reach to be able to attend the prom.

Great things are expected from this year's junior class. Also discussed were T-shirt designs, and homecoming float ideas.



Junior class officers are: (front, left to right) Melanie Mularz, Sydney Brunson, Anna Petty; and Christina Bryant (top).

Elba Elementary School Menu

October 10 - 14, 2005

BREAKFAST
Monday - School Holiday
Columbus Day
Tuesday - Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - School Holiday
Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Boiled Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Wednesday - Taco Salad, Corn on the Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Pineapple Pudding, Milk
Friday - Homecoming - No Lunch - Students Dismiss at 11:20 a.m.

FFA gets encouraging start
by Judson Vaughan
Fall always brings on a lot of exciting things at Elba High School, and the FFA is proud to be a part of a few of them.

Monday, Sept. 12, marked the date of the club's annual Peanut Boil. The boil was a success, from the mouth-watering peanuts, to the evening's speakers.

Along with the traditional game warden, EHS was graced with FFA State Sentinel and Enterprise FFA President Miss Kimberly Henderson. The night was a success and has set the tone for this new year.

Fruit sales are back, and the club has high expectations. The prices have dropped, but like always, it still possesses the juicy, crisp nature our fruit has always been known for.

The items include half and whole boxes of: mixed citrus, tangerines, tangelos, navel oranges, juice oranges, grapefruit and apples ranging from \$10 to \$24.

Fruit will be on sale throughout the month of October. If for some reason, an FFA member does not contact you, please call EHS and ask for the Ag Dept.

Thank you for your continuous support of the Elba FFA organization.



The annual Elba High School's homecoming parade will be Friday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. Everyone is urged to participate. Awards will be given in three categories: Elba High School entries, Elba Elementary School entries, and all other entries.

Only entries listed officially will be in the competition. The deadline for entering is noon on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005.

Parade participants should meet behind the old high school, lineup between 1:30 and 2:30, and the parade will start at 3:00.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

For further information, questions, or to submit a parade entry, please call Elba High School at 897-2266.

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FROM THE COCKPIT New Brockton School News

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JV volleyball team enjoys exciting season

by Chelsea Dempsey

The 2005-2006 New Brockton Junior Varsity Volleyball Team currently has a record of 6-6.

The team consists of Robbin Bundy, Chelsea Dempsey, Brittney Eubanks, Maranda Foust, Malory Meissner, Kivania Neal, Kendall Persin, Anna Sawyer, Chelsea Smith, Vanessa Stuckey, and the coach is Mrs. Lounger Wyrosdick.

The girls participate in a ritual before every game. In the huddle, they all rub their hands together to make "energy" and then pass it. Chelsea Smith then says "1,2,3" and the rest join in with "GAMECOCK PRIDE!"

The 05-06 JV Team has had an impressive year. The girls seem to have fun during and after the game, and have made



Junior varsity volleyball team participates in a pre-game ritual

awesome plays.

The fans have been a source of excitement as well, and we appreciate all the support they have given us!

The next game is Tuesday, Oct. 11, at G.W. Long at 4:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

WNBHS: Season Finale "Homecoming Plans Made"

New Brockton High School's Homecoming will be Friday, Oct. 21, 2005. The theme is "WNBHS: Season Finale."

Each grade has picked a Primetime TV network, and all decorations and skits will revolve around the shows and programs on these networks.

7th grade presents CMT, 8th grade presents FOX, 9th grade presents ABC, 10th grade presents NBC, 11th grade presents CBS and 12th grade presents MTV.

The Dress-Up Days are as follows: Monday - CBS presents *Survivor* - Wear a bandana! Tuesday - NBC presents *The Gamecocks go to College* - Wear your favorite college attire. Wednesday - Fox presents *That 70's Show* - Dress for Disco! Thursday - CMT presents *The Dukes of Hazzard* - Dress like your favorite Hazzard character - Boss Hogg, Lulu, Roscoe, Cooter, Bo, Luke, Daisy, or Uncle Jesse. (Remember dress code must still be followed). Friday - WNBHS presents *Spiri* - Show it!

The Homecoming Court has been elected, and attendants

NOTICE:

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Any parent of a child with disabilities or those who know someone who is disabled are asked to contact the principal of the local school or the special education coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at (334) 897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Contacts include: Rebecca J. Hardiman, special education coordinator, (334) 897-5016; Mark Coale, principal, Kinston School, (334) 565-3016; Bob Andrews, principal, New Brockton Elementary School, (334) 894-6152; Dale Kelley, principal, New Brockton High School, (334) 894-2350 and Jerry Barnes, principal, Zion Chapel School, (334) 897-6275.

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NBHS student considered as hero

by Maranda Foust

On Sunday, Aug. 7, there was life-changing event for Josh Griffin and NBHS student Trey Knight.

Josh and Trey were on their way to church on Hwy. 134 when a car suddenly came around the turn at about 75 mph. The car went into their lane, and Trey barely had time to move out of the way. He managed to do so without losing control of his motorcycle.

Trey heard a loud crash behind him, and looked back to see that his friend was not so lucky. Josh had not had time to get out of the way.

Trey went immediately to Josh's side and kept him focused.

"I just kept telling him to hang on, that everything would be alright," Trey said.

Unfortunately, Josh left his left foot, and nearly every bone in his left leg was broken. His left arm from the elbow down was also broken.

Josh spent two weeks in ICU at Dothan, and now has medal



Trey Knight saved his friend after a horrible motorcycle accident.

rods in his left foot and arm. He also has pins in his left arm, his normal life by hanging out with friends and family to keep his spirits up. He credits Trey for saving his life.



Drummer Christian Izquierdo plays the fight song in the stands.

Coffee County Schools Menu Oct. 10-14, 2005

BREAKFAST

Monday - Pancake Pup, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Waffles, Ham Slice, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Hamburger, Hot Dog, Baked Potato, Buttered Carrots, Dill Slices, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Tuesday - Burrito, Fish Nuggets, Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Hushpuppies, Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday - Lemon Pepper Chicken, Sloppy Joe, Whole White Potatoes, Butter Beans, Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Meat Loaf, Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Turnips, Cornbread, Pears, Canned, Milk
Friday - Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Pot Sandwich, Cole Slaw, California Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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Views from.... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We are down to two cats and two kittens in the Mularz family and while I really don't have much use for any of them, I will admit these cats are pretty smart. All four will sit on the steps outside the back door each morning waiting for me to come out and feed them, while if their food pan is empty at night they will be back at the steps waiting for me to lock the door and they will know to let me know they want a snack. If I walk over to the dollar store the Momma cat will actually cross the street and sit on the curb at the parking lot to make sure I buy cat food, and if I walk over to the grocery store all four will wait on the curb for me to come home so that they can get a whiff of what may be coming later as leftovers. Yep, these cats have life figured out.

TIGERS HAVE BACKS TO WALL AFTER REGION LOSS

The Elba Tigers were expected to threaten for the region title this season, but after six games have only two wins on their side of the ledger and with a 1-3 region slate now have their backs against the wall. The formula for making the playoffs is simple - win the next three region games and Elba is in. While the formula may be simple, it won't be an easy task since the three games include road games at New Brockton and Samson as well as a home field matchup against Wicksburg. Many of the Elba players like to talk the talk and be very visible on Friday nights, and now they will get the chance to back it up and show just how good they really are when it counts the most. The next three games will decide just how this group of seniors is remembered when the history of Elba Tiger football adds its newest chapter in a couple of weeks.

Last week the Tigers seemed uninspired in the 18-14 loss to Houston County and the offense sputtered for much of the game. Elba rolled up just over 200 yards in total offense and through the air the Tigers connected only six times in sixteen attempts. What was once a much feared offensive unit looked very ordinary in the loss, and it is now very obvious that opponents game plans on defense are to take away the big play, make Elba snap the ball as many times as possible and then let the Tigers self destruct. The fact the Tigers have seen four pass interceptions returned for touchdowns in just six games makes that plan look even better for the Elba fans. The defense didn't really play all that bad and fought for all four quarters against a team with very physical backs. The defense did allow two touchdown drives of 90 yards or longer and allowed Houston County to eat up seven minutes off the clock late in the game. However, the defense also forced four three-and-outs and came up with three turnovers.

I guess the loss Friday night was just another case of the Tigers taking two steps forward and then taking three more the opposite direction. I am a big believer in the old saying "the cream always rises to the top" and over the next three weeks we will get the chance to sit back and watch this team chum away and see what comes out.

AREA TEAMS HAVE ANOTHER SO SO WEEK

The sixth week was little more than a so-so week for the area teams as two teams posted wins and the other two took it on the chin.

Brantley (6-1) made it look easy in a 53-6 win over Kinston and the Crestwood County Bulldogs made it painfully clear on which sideline the top 'Dogs were walking on Friday night. Brantley scored almost at will in many different ways and was simply way too much for Kinston to handle. It may have been little more than a scrimmage for Brantley as it started to look ahead to this week's region championship battle.

Zion Chapel (3-3) bounced back from a halftime deficit to outpace Goshen and continued to run the football with success as the Rebels rolled up almost 300 yards on the ground. The Rebel defense surrendered four touchdowns on Goshen's first four possessions and appeared in trouble, but came back strong after making some halftime adjustments and kept the Eagles out of the endzone in the second half to lead the way for the comeback win. The Rebels won a roll.

New Brockton (4-2) dropped to 2-2 in the region with a 34-7 loss to Cottonwood and all of the sudden this season looks a lot like last season for the Gamecocks as they must now win two of the next three games to make the playoffs. The Gamecocks did have some success at times in the loss, but the Bears were far too physical and then used the big play in the second half to pull away. Look for that role Gamecock Pride to rise again this week as New Brockton fights for its life.

Kinston (2-4) saw its losing streak reach three games with a 55-6 loss to Brantley and the Bulldogs have allowed their last three opponents to average over 50 points a game. The Bulldogs appeared to be much improved early in the season and a lot of Kinston fans were thinking about the playoffs. However, the 'Dogs now simply need a win just to get things back on track and salvage something out of the season.

WEEK SIX IS ONE TO REMEMBER FOR GRID FANS

The sixth week of the season has now come and gone and looking back it was quite a week for many teams all across the state.

Pike County rolled up a 91-0 win over Abbeville and has now scored 168 points in its last two games. The Bulldogs were expected to be better this season, but if they are as good as they have looked after six games they may very well be the team to beat in the 3A ranks.

Opp continued its season long struggles in a 44-17 loss to Ashford and the Bobcats are now 1-5 for the season and have to be looking forward to the end of the season. The Bobcats grabbed a lot of headlines prior to the season and were thought to have the best back in the state, but his injury laid him down early and now it has turned into a season to forget.

Enterprise struggled for the second straight week, but remained undefeated in a 21-17 region win over Auburn. The Wildcats were off and running early and were thought to be invincible after hanging 51 points on Central, but the last two weeks the 'Cats have looked very ordinary and now may not be quite as good as previously advertised.

Florida continued to hang up big numbers with a 62-9 win over Pleasant Home and the Wildcats are now averaging over 50 points a game in rolling to a 6-0 record. Florida has a dozen seniors that have been in the program for four years and have been getting better and better each week. This week's match-up with Brantley will tell everyone just how good they really are.

Luverne kept on rolling with a 28-0 win over G.W. Long and it looks like the Tigers won't be challenged again until they line up against county rival Brantley. The Tigers don't have the talent they have had in years past, but they still have the confidence that they are going to win every time they hit the field and it shows. Hey, they are still Luverne, like it or not.

Slocumb made the headlines all across the state with a 16-14 win

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over top-ranked T.R. Miller and all of the sudden it looks like the Tigers from down in Brewton may not be a title contender after all. The region loss was a shocker, and with Pike County coming up next week the folks down in Brewton may be more than a little worried.

*** and, Geneva suffered its first loss of the season in a 17-6 region setback to Trinity. The Panthers are still a very good 4A club and could make some noise in the playoffs. However, now they may not be considered true state title contenders.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** I told some folks last week that Florida was the most over-rated college team in the nation and for once I guess I was right. The Gators from down in Urbania were manhandled in a 31-3 loss to Alabama, and with the Tide still undefeated in the SEC it means every game will be a big one for Coach Mike Shula and his troops. I will admit the Tide has looked good at times and has its fans fired up. However, there is still a lot of football left to play and to be big winners a team has to win every time it hits the field. I think the jury is still out.

*** Auburn made it look easy in a big 48-7 romp over South Carolina and after the game some callers to the Auburn post-game show were disappointed the Tigers didn't hang 50 points on Steve Spurrier. First of all, the Tigers were playing South Carolina and not the coach, and secondly the Tigers played the Gamecocks after two scrimmage games with weak sisters. There is no doubt Auburn has a good team, but its early-season schedule still makes me wonder just how good.

*** Kinston's volleyball team upped its record to 31-4 last weekend with a tournament title in Dothan and the second-ranked Lady Bulldogs have made it known they are after another state title. The Lady Bulldogs don't look as dominant as some of Kinston's past teams at times, while at other times they look almost unstoppable. I know volleyball isn't a sport that grabs a lot of headlines, but these girls down at Kinston know how to play the game and are among the best in the state, regardless of classification.

*** I was told last week that former Elba Tiger athlete Shandez Daniels will be honored at the homecoming game on Oct. 14 by having his football jersey retired. Daniels was left paralyzed from the neck down back on Oct. 3, 1995, after making a tackle on a kickoff and passed away last December after almost ten years in a wheel chair and ventilator. It has been ten years since that tragic night at Tiger Stadium and it is very deserving that #23 will be retired to honor a former Elba Tiger that literally gave his life for Elba Tiger football.

*** In closing... all three Elba youth football teams picked up big wins over the weekend and after four weeks of action two of the teams have 2-2 records and the other team stands 4-0. The Super Bowl is three weeks away and even though it will be hard for all three teams to make return appearances, all three are having big seasons and the players and coaches are to be commended.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREFESTERS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office over the weekend and was for once more interested in talking about college Alabama's Prothro and was impressed with Auburn's big win over South Carolina, then admitted he had become somewhat of a Notre Dame fan. Oh well, before he left he did remember to leave the

Post wins over Opp and Andalusia

Lady Tigers on a roll in prep volleyball action

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team hit the court twice last week and posted a pair of wins to up their record to 11-8 on the season.

The Lady Tigers opened the week's action on Tuesday afternoon in Opp and defeated the Lady Bobcats 23-25, 25-11, 27-25 and 25-16. Melanie Mularz recorded 25 service points, including 8 straight on one game, added 4 kills and had 5 digs to lead Elba, while Kendall Stinson had 5 service aces and 5 assists. April Price had 19 service points and 6 blocks, while

Whitney Lawford had 6 aces, Ashleigh Waddail had 6 kills and Anna Petty had 10 assists.

The Lady Tiger JV also posted a win 26-24 and 25-14 to even its record at 5-5, while the Junior Lady Tigers won 25-12 and 25-14 to improve its record to 6-1.

"A coach will take three wins on any given night," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades. "We were pleased with the girls' performance and this was an award we had been working for the last two weeks."

The Lady Tigers traveled to Andalusia on Thursday after

noon and gained a measure of revenge for three earlier losses as they posted the win 25-22, 14-25, 25-20 and 25-19. Melanie Mularz had 7 kills, 5 digs and 25 service points, while Kendall Stinson had 10 assists and Janae Wilson had 2 blocks.

The Elba JV saw its record slip to 5-6 with a 10-25, 25-23 and 6-15 loss, while the Junior Lady Tigers improved to 7-1 with a 25-11, 25-13 win. Kayla

Kyser was the leading server in the JV game and Kayla Rials had 14 service points in the Junior High win.

"We finally did it," exclaimed Coach Rhoades after the win. "Andalusia had defeated us three times this year, but the girls have really worked hard at practice and the result was this huge win. The junior high team completed its season and they had a really great season."

Members of the Junior Lady Tigers included Kayla Rials, Megan King, Taylor Creech, Paige Jones, Keke Oliver, Sonya Dodd, Tray Craighead and Janae Camley.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs win title in Providence Christian tournament

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs completed in the Providence Christian Invitational Volleyball Tournament last weekend and rolled to five straight wins to claim the tournament championship and improve their record 31-4 on the season.

Kinston's wins came over Elba 25-20 and 25-13, Providence Christian 29-27 and 25-12, Dothan 25-15 and 25-8, Enterprise 25-9 and 25-14 and Providence Christian, in the

championship match, 7-25, 25-20, 25-18 and 25-20.

For the day, Heather Marlowe led the Lady Bulldogs with 88 assists and seven service aces in the five matches to earn Most Valuable Player honors. Candace Patterson earned all-tournament honors with 23 kills and 34 digs, while Kaleigh Sanders added 12 aces and 39 digs. Jesi Johnson added 22 kills and 9 blocks and Caitlyn Tindell added 12 blocks and 7 aces.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTDOORS



Braxton Robison caught this 4 lb. bass recently while fishing at Poppy's and Daddy's honey hole.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

Elba Lady Tiger April Price (in gold) jumps high to block a shot in last week's win over Opp. Elba posted wins over Opp and Andalusia last week to up their record to 11-7.

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Elba vs. Samson		Opp vs. Zion Chapel	
Daleville vs. Dothan			
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Court B - Winner of Pool B/Runner-up Pool A			
Court A - Championship Match			

SPORTS



Elba assistant coach Marty Marler talks with Tiger linebacker Lewis Johnson (54) during a game in the action last week. This week the Tigers will travel to New Brockton for a must win region game against the New Brockton Gamecocks.

Watch region record slip to 1-3

Tiger turnovers costly in 18-14 loss to Lions

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Cupps and Laura Basley

The Elba Tigers continued their region woes Friday night with an 18-14 loss to the Houston County Lions, in Elba. The loss dropped the Tigers' record to 2-4, 1-3 in region play, while the Lions improved their record to 5-1, 4-0 in region play, with the road win.

Elba received the opening kickoff, but it was the Lions that needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard as on the Tigers second play from scrimmage Keota Reese stepped in front of a screen pass and trotted 32 yards for a touchdown. A two-point conversion failed, but with only one-minute gone in the first quarter Houston County was already on top 6-0.

The Tigers began their next possession at the Houston County 47-yardline after a 17-yard kickoff return by Stefan Burks and a Lions penalty, and after five running plays found themselves with a first down at the Houston County 12. Stefan Burks had a 19-yard dash that got the Tigers in close, while Kikko Logan added 10 yards on a third down and 25 and a third down and 15 on the long scoring drive, and scored the touchdown on a 7-yard dash by Andre Jordan. The two-point conversion failed, but with 48 remaining in the half the Lions owned an 18-0 advantage.

Elba began its next possession at its own 41-yardline and needed only five plays to beat the clock and get on the scoreboard. A 19-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Frank Morris and a 30-yard completion from Kelley to Reynar Rogers were key plays in the quick scoring drive, while the touchdown came on the final play of the half on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Brandon Kelley. The extra-point attempt sailed wide right and at the half Elba found itself trailing 18-6.

The teams combined for two first downs and two turnovers on the initial four possessions of the second half, but Elba began its

third possession at the Houston County 39 after a 36-yard punt return by LaRay Williams and scored in two plays to get right back in the game. A 19-yard run by Kikko Logan started the drive, while Brandon Kelley then connected with Mason Guley on a 20-yard scoring strike. Kelley ran in the two point conversion and with 2:14 remaining in the third quarter Elba had chopped the Lions' lead to 18-14.

Houston County put the ball in play at its own 21-yardline with 10:24 remaining in the fourth quarter after a booming 61-yard punt by Elba's Brandon Kelley, and used its running attack to drive deep into Elba territory and eat up the clock. The Lions' Seaborn Barber butted heads with the Elba defense eight times during the 13 play possession and gained 32 yards, and even though the Lions lost possession on a fumble at the Elba 23, they are up 7:16 during the long drive and left the Tigers with their backs against the wall.

Kikko Logan gained 72 yards on 10 carries to lead Elba on the ground, while Stefan Burks added 43 yards on six carries and Brandon Kelley added 6 yards and one touchdown on nine carries. In the air Kelley connected on 6 of 16 passes for 100 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions, with Reynar Rogers pulling in 4 passes for 61 yards and Mason Guley catching one pass for 20 yards and one touchdown. The Elba defense was led by Trey Davis with 8 tackles, while Rell Kelley, Chase E. Boutwell and Matt Brunson all made 6 stops. Dimetrio Tyson and Kikko Logan both had fumble recoveries, while Brandon Kelley had a pass interception.

Houston County was led by Seaborn Barber with 148 yards on 22 carries and Tavares Black with 19 carries for 85 yards.

STATISTICS

EL	1st Downs	HC
11	Rushes-Yds.	50-275
28-135	Passing Yds.	32
100	Total Offense	307
235	Fumbles	1-5-1
6-16-2	Fumbles/Lost	4/2
4/2	Punts-Ave.	4-36
2-41	Penalties-Yds.	7-50
8-75		

Elba Tiger fans wear your Black & Gold Friday night in New Brockton to support the Tigers!

Tigers travel to New Brockton Friday night for region clash

Two county rivals fighting to keep their playoff hopes alive will meet Friday night at Gamecock Stadium when the Elba Tigers travel to New Brockton for the first time ever to tangle with the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The Tigers will enter the region contest with a 2-4 record, 1-3 in region play, while the Gamecocks will bring a 4-2 record, 2-2 in region play, into the second ever meeting between the two rivals.

Elba saw its region hopes take a hit last week in an 18-14 setback to Houston County, and the Tigers now know they must win the next three region games to make the playoffs. The Tigers continued to be plagued by turnovers in the loss to the Lions as one interception was returned for a touchdown, marking the fourth this season an opponent has returned an interception for a score. The high-powered Elba offense sputtered in the loss as it rushed for only 135 yards and had 100 yards through the air with only six completions in sixteen attempts. The

While the Gamecocks like to grind out yardage by offense, over on defense the Gamecocks have been stingy and prior to last week's loss to Cottonwood had allowed only one touchdown in 20 quarters of regulation action. Adam Cridley has been a leader on defense throughout the season, while Justin West, Derrick Dodd and Sheridan Foster are all big hitters, as are the Allums brothers - Justin and Jason.

A possible playoff berth is on the line Friday night when the teams tee it up at Gamecock Stadium and a packed house is expected to witness the historic match-up. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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Elba Tiger wide-receiver Mason Guley (6) caught only one pass in Friday night's 18-14 loss to Houston County, but it went for a 20-yard touchdown to help the Tigers in their attempt to pull out the win.

SPORTS



Zion Chapel quarterback Abe Childs (4) breaks through a big hole in the Goshen defense and heads up field for a big gain. Childs gained 221 yards on 24 carries and scored 3 touchdowns in the Rebels' 43-24 region win over the Eagles.

For big region win

Rebels run down Eagles 43-24

Statistics & photos by Harry White

The Zion Chapel Rebels evened their record at 3-3 and moved to 2-2 in region play Friday night with a big 43-24 win over the Goshen Eagles, in Goshen.

Zion Chapel put the ball in play at its own 16-yardline to open the game and promptly marched 84 yards in seven plays to grab an early lead. Abe Childs gained 54 yards on five carries to spark the long scoring drive, while Joey Jones added 31 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard blast. Logan Carney kicked the extra-point and with 9:11 remaining in the first quarter the Rebels were on top 7-0.

Goshen was down early, but the Eagles stunned the Rebels as they needed only three plays to get on the scoreboard and stole the lead. The Eagle score came on an 80-yard touchdown pass from Judson Ricks to Derrick Owens, and the Eagles tacked on the two-point conversion to move ahead 8-7 with 8:02 left in the opening quarter.

The Rebels answered the Goshen score with their second touchdown of the night on a 21-yard run by Abe Childs, but the extra-point failed as Zion Chapel took a slim 12-8 lead with 7:32 remaining in the quarter.

The Eagles were determined to regain the lead on their next possession and did just that as the Eagles drove 38 yards in 10 plays to reach the endzone. Judson Ricks connected on 5 of 6 passes for 45 yards to lead the Eagles down the field, while the touchdown came on the ground when C.C. Faulkner scored on a 1-yard plunge. The two-point conversion was again successful and with 3:27 remaining in a wild first quarter Goshen was



Rebel running back Joey Jones (24) is off and running for a big gain in last week's 43-24 win over Goshen. This week the Rebels will host the Pleasant Home Eagles.

back on top 16-13.

Zion Chapel's offense knew what it had to do after the Eagle score and on its next possession the Rebels marched 65 yards in nine running plays to regain the lead. Abe Childs gained 46 yards on four carries to lead the Rebels on the scoring march, while Hunter Wise scored the touchdown on a 6-yard dash. Childs passed to Joey Jones for the two-point conversion and with 11:48 remaining in the second quarter Zion Chapel was back on top 21-16.

The scoring circus continued on Goshen's next possession as the Eagles marched 71 yards in 13 plays to move back on top. Judson Ricks led the Eagles down the field through the air as he connected on 5 of 6 passes for 51 yards, with the score coming on a 5-yard Ricks' aerial. The two-point conversion was again successful and with 4:28 remaining in the half

Goshen owned a 24-21 advantage.

Zion Chapel suffered a pass interception on its final possession of the half and at intermission the Eagles left the field with a 24-21 lead. Zion Chapel's defense came to life on the initial possession of the second half and forced the first punt of the game, while the Rebel offense coming on the field at their own 40-yardline. From there it took the Rebels five plays to reach paydirt as Abe Childs gained 44 yards on 4 carries and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run. Zion Chapel tacked on a two-point conversion and with 8:38 remaining in the third quarter Zion Chapel had regained the lead at 29-24.

The Rebels forced another Goshen punt on the Eagles' next possession and survived two fumbles to quickly add to their lead. Byron McWaters had a big 18-yard scamper to get the scoring drive started, while Abe Childs added 18 yards on 2 carries and scored the touchdown on a 10-yard dash. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:08 remaining in the third quarter the Rebels finally had a little breathing room with a 35-24 advantage.

Zion Chapel regained possession near midfield on a pass interception and marched 52 yards on seven plays to take command. Hunter Wise gained 9 yards on two carries during the drive, while Abe Childs added 37 yards on five carries and scored the touchdown on a 10-yard sprint. Joey Jones passed to Dustin Wood for the two-point conversion and with 9:04 left in the fourth quarter the Rebels were in charge with a 43-24 lead.

Abe Childs gained 221 yards on 24 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Rebel ground game, while Byron McWaters added 52 yards on 4 carries. Joey Jones added 50 yards on 4 carries and Hunter Wise added 28 yards on 8 carries.

Brantley-Floral clash highlights week #7 match-ups in area football action

The high school football season will kick off its seventh week of action this Friday night and for area teams it marks another week of region competition as the teams begin to look ahead toward the playoffs. Following is a preview of this week's games:

Floral (6-0) at Brantley (5-1)

The long awaited match-up between two of the state's top 1A football powers will take place Friday night when the undefeated Floral Wildcats invade Brantley to meet the high-powered Brantley Bulldogs. The Wildcats have plowed their way through any and all challengers this season and have averaged over 50 points a game in claiming wins over J.U. Blacksher 56-13, Zion Chapel 56-0, Arlton 34-14, Kinston 55-6, Red Level 33-7 and Pleasant Home 62-9. Even though the Wildcats' six wins have come over only one team with a winning record, Floral has been on a mission all season and this week the Wildcats will get the chance to put to rest years of frustration against their region rivals from Crenshaw County. Brantley made it look easy last week with a big 55-6 win over Kinston and the Bulldogs will be looking to defend their home field advantage and lock up yet another region title with a win over the 'Cats. While it is true Floral has the better record and the higher ranking in the state polls, Brantley will be considered a slight favorite in the contest and there is no doubt this is the top game of the week for area fans!

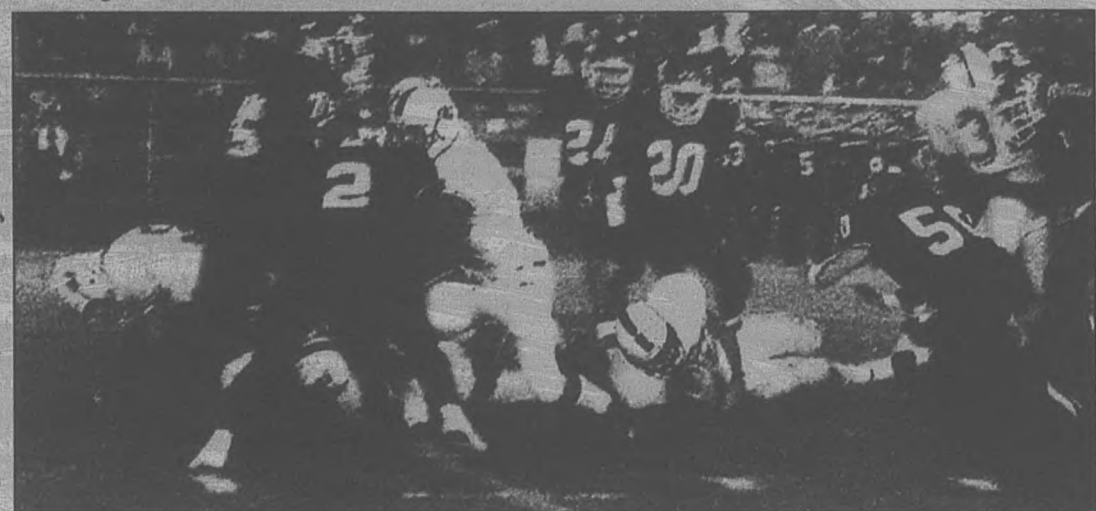
Pleasant Home (2-4) at Zion Chapel (3-3)

Two teams with very different offensive philosophies will hit the field Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium in Jack when the pass-happy Pleasant Home Eagles tangle with the smash-mouth run and run again Zion Chapel Rebels. The Eagles will bring a 2-4 record into the clash with wins over

McKenzie 27-0 and Goshen 38-32 and losses to Gulf Shores 45-7, Kinston 28-19, New Brockton 27-0 and Floral 62-9. Pleasant Home loves to spread the field on offense and keep the ball in the air, and after watching films last week of the early success enjoyed by Goshen through the air there can be no doubt the Eagles will be looking forward to the game. Zion Chapel pounded Goshen for almost 500 yards on the ground last week in a 43-24 win and make no secret that their troops travel by land as the Rebels will bring a 3-game winning streak into the clash. The Rebels will be favored to claim their fourth straight win. However, the Eagles are a dangerous foe and could be much better than many Rebel fans believe.

Kinston (2-4) at McKenzie (0-6)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to snap a three-game losing streak and keep their playoff hopes alive Friday night when they travel to McKenzie to battle the McKenzie Tigers. The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 2-1 record and appeared to be headed for a big season. However, the 'Dogs have been outscored 152-38 in the last three weeks and now need a win to keep their playoff hopes alive and put to rest the pains of the past three lopsided losses. McKenzie was expected to struggle this season, but the Tigers have been plagued with a rash of injuries and a mid-season coaching change and in their six losses have been outscored 263-14. The Tigers have lost to Flomaton 35-0, Pleasant Home 27-0, Goshen 22-6, Zion Chapel 33-0, Georgiana 69-0 and Arlton 67-8. While the Bulldogs are expected to have an easy time Friday night, McKenzie will be fired up and looking to grab a rare win. This may be closer than many think.



SHORT GAIN: A New Brockton runner is stopped for a short gain in last week's 34-7 region loss to Cottonwood. This week the Gamecocks will host Elba and can move to 3-2 in the region standings with a win over their county rivals.

Region record slips to 2-2

Gamecocks fall to Cottonwood 34-7

Stats & photos by Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their four game winning streak come to an abrupt end on the road Friday night when they fell to the Cottonwood Bears 34-7, in Cottonwood.

The loss left the Gamecocks with a 4-2 slate, 2-2 in region play and the Bears upped their record to 4-2 with the win, 3-1 in region competition.

The game was scoreless for much of the first quarter, but the Bears came to life late in the stanza and scored two touchdowns in a two-minute span to grab a 12-0 advantage. The first Bears' score came on a 7-yard run by Michael Curry around the left end after a Gamecock fumble at the New Brockton 29-yardline. While the Bears scored only minutes later when Ralph Turner returned a Gamecock punt 60 yards for a touchdown. The Bears were successful on both conversion attempts, but with 1:02 remaining in the first quarter Cottonwood was on top 12-0.

New Brockton's offense came to life after the second Bear score and responded with a 71 yard drive that resulted in a Gamecock touchdown. The long scoring drive was capped off when Justin West raced 4 yards into the corner of the endzone, and West also booted the extra-point as the Gamecocks cut the Cottonwood lead to 12-7 with 9:46 remaining in the second quarter.

The Bears were apparently unimpressed with the Gamecock score and bounced right back on their next possession to extend their lead. The touchdown drive covered 53 yards and ended when Jasma Coachman pulled in a 3-yard touchdown pass in the back of the endzone. A two-point con-

version was successful and with 5:58 remaining in the second quarter the Bears were back in charge with a 20-7 lead.

Cottonwood failed to move on its initial possession of the third quarter, but struck quickly on its second possession as Michael Curry broke through a huge hole on the left side of the New Brockton defense and raced 80 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 7:18 remaining in the third quarter the Bears' lead had grown to 26-7.

Cottonwood began its next possession at its own 20-yardline and once again scored quickly as Ralph Turner pulled in a quick screen and raced 78 yards for a touchdown. The Bears tacked on the two-point conversion and with 10:35 left in the fourth quarter it was all over but the celebration on the Cottonwood sideline as the Bears had the region win 34-7.

Sheridan Foster gained 38 yards on 17 carries to lead the

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41-79	57	Rushes-Yds.	114
57	136	Passing Yds.	300
136	24-0	Total Offense	6-10-0
2-4-0	5-30	Penalties-Yds.	9-80



An Elba Tiger runner runs out of his shoe last week in youth football action against Zion Chapel. All three Elba teams won last week and this Saturday will host Brantley at Miller Memorial Stadium with the first game to begin at 5:30 PM. (Photo by Laura Basley)

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SPORTS

Remains undefeated in region

Brantley wins "Battle of Bulldogs" over Kinston in lopsided 55-6 region win

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mary Johnson

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Kinston on Friday night for a "Battle of Bulldogs" and after four rushing touchdowns, three returns for touchdowns and one scoring pass it was obvious the Bulldogs from Crenshaw County had won the battle as Brantley improved its record to 5-1 with a lopsided 55-6 win.

Scotty Abadilla recovered a Kinston fumble on the third play of the game to set Brantley up at the Kinston 32-yardline, and after an 11-yard pass from Edgar Walker to Thad Frazier the visiting 'Dogs had the ball first down and ten at the Kinston 21. Chris Booker ripped off runs of 15, 3 and 3 yards to get Brantley into the endzone and Marcus Owens tackled on the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 8:19 remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley added to its lead without even snapping the ball as on Kinston's next possession a punt attempt was mishandled and Brantley's Marcus Owens scooped up the loose ball and rambled 10 yards for a touchdown. Owens booted the extra-point and with 6:21 left in the first quarter Brantley was on its way with an early 14-0 lead.

The next Kinston possession resulted in another defensive touchdown for Brantley as Justin Wright picked off an Aaron Jacobs pass and returned

it 40 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point as Brantley upped its lead to 21-0 with 5:25 still left in the opening quarter of play.

Brantley regained possession three plays later on a fumble recovery by Cory Morgan at the Kinston 12-yardline, and two plays later the scoreboard lights flickered once again when Edgar Walker hit Jeffery Daniels with a pass at the five-yardline, and Daniels bulldozed his way into the endzone. The extra-point try failed, but it made little difference as Brantley owned a big 27-0 lead with 3:01 remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley's next scoring drive covered 48 yards in five plays and was climaxed by a 41-yard dash by Chris Booker. Owens also booted the extra-point and with 10:43 remaining in the second quarter Brantley's lead stood at 34-0.

Robert Yates broke loose on a big gainer for Kinston on the game's ensuing possession to move the hometown Bulldogs across the midfield stripe, but the drive bogged down after the long run and Brantley regained possession on a punt.

Brantley put the ball in play on its own 34-yardline and headed back down the field behind the running of back-up quarterback Jonathan Helms, only to be stopped short of the endzone when Kinston's Kevin Rachel intercepted a pass at the Kinston 5-yardline late in the half.



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders were sky high prior to the start of last week's region match-up against Brantley.

Bates gets first win of season at SAS

By Mark Chisum

After taking nine wins in 2004, it would have been a safe bet that Duane Bates would be a front-runner again in 2005 in the Vintage class at South Alabama Speedway. Bates has run up front all season, but until Saturday night, he had not visited Victory Lane. Bates looked to be in 2004 form Saturday night, taking the lead on lap 17 to earn the win.

Phillip Anderson, making his first start at SAS after a couple of month's hiatus, took the early lead and appeared to have the race in hand. On lap ten, Bates moved past Teddy Sasser into second and immediately began to apply pressure to Anderson. On lap 16, Bates moved under Anderson as they exited turn four. Anderson beat Bates to the line to lead the lap, but Bates had the position and Anderson had to let him go as they entered turn one. Bates completed the pass and went on to pick up the win. Anderson held on to second followed by Sasser.

Sam Smith took another Street Stock Feature win, easily outdistancing the field. Smith was able to pull away from Roberts. In post-race inspection, Walding and Cotton failed to pass and were disqualified. The "dq's" moved Tim Hudson to third.

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Brantley's Chris Booker (25) leaves one Kinston defender face down on the turf and another far behind in last week's 55-6 win. Booker gained 123 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on only 5 carries to lead the Bulldogs to the big region win.

Suffer first loss of season

Elba Junior Tigers fall to Arlton 24-12

The Elba Junior High Tigers suffered their first loss of the season and saw their record slip to 3-1 last Monday night with a 24-12 loss to Arlton, in Elba.

The Purple Cats jumped out to an early lead in the game and the Tigers never recovered as they lost the hard-hitting contest.

The Elba touchdowns came on a 60-yard pass from Gavin Respress to Dylan McCollough and a 30-yard pass interception return by Jordan McBride. Elba was led offensively by Dylan McCollough with 3 receptions for 86 yards and one touchdown, while Carlos Matias led the Tigers on the ground with 25 yards on 5 carries and teammates Gavin Respress added 19 yards on 3 carries and Bradley Wilson had 3 yards on one carry. Gavin Respress connected on 3 of 9 passes for 86 yards and one touchdown. On defense the Tigers were led by Carlos Matias with 8 tackles and 2 forced fumbles. Jordan McBride with 7 tackles and a pass interception for a touchdown, Jason Mitchell with 5 tackles and Bradley Wilson with 4 tackles. Dylan McCollough also had a pass interception.



Elba Junior Tigers hold on to an Arlton runner in action last week in junior high football action. (Photo by Laura Basley)

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Eavie W. Jinright

Combined team of doctors visit Elba to complete research study on family's neurological disorder

On Saturday, Sept. 17, a combined research team of doctors from John Hopkins University of medicine, and University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) met in Elba at the Masonic Lodge.

They met with four generations of family members of the Twp Rushing and Minnie Floyd family.

Johnnie B. Smith of Elba, is a patient of Anthony P. Nicholas, MD, PhD, of UAB. Johnnie B. has a neurological disorder: spinocerebellar Ataxia. It is an inherited genetic neurological disorder.

When Dr. Nicholas found out that numerous family members had symptoms to his patient, Johnnie B., he contacted the John Hopkins research center to see if they were interested in doing research on the disorder.

The dedicated teams, from UAB and John Hopkins, were assisted by a group of Elba's very own nurses, who gave up their Saturday to help out with the collecting of blood samples. The nurses helping the teams from John Hopkins and UAB, were Judy Holloway, Joyce Purvis, Martha Pope, Rita and

and they were.

Principal Medical Investigator, Russell L. Magolis and his team from John Hopkins, contacted Johnnie B. to see if he could get other family members to participate in a research study, designed to identify and characterize the genetic causes of inherited neurological disorders. John Hopkins University, and UAB research centers are dedicated to finding the causes of diseases.

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Michael Booth.

The doctors and nurses worked very hard the whole day collecting paper work, blood samples, videos, and doing the neurological exams.

The blood samples and other materials will be tested in the John Hopkins licensed genetics laboratory for the presence of some of the mutations already known to cause brain disorders. If no mutation known to cause a brain disease is detected, the DNA, or other cellular materials may be searched for the presence of other mutations that cause this family's symptoms.

Many thanks from the family members to Dr. Russell L. Margolis and his staff, Dr. Anthony P. Nicholas and his staff, and Elba's very own nurses, mentioned previously in this article.

Johnson wins September McKinley Award at Troy University

Joe Johnson, director of Troy University's Creative Services department, is the winner of the university's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for September.

Johnson, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 1974, received the award at a ceremony Sept. 22 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor of Troy University, presented the award to Johnson, who was nominated by Sandi Gouge, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic.

Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

"He always has a 'can do' attitude. His career is marked with

his professionalism and he inspires a team spirit with all of his staff — an office with probably the best retention rate of employees in any TROY office," Gouge wrote in her nomination letter. "Joe always

goes the extra mile when needed without being asked and is a joy to work with as a colleague. His love for Troy University transcends all that he does."

Johnson, who lives in Elba, works on the Troy campus.



Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, right, presented the September McKinley Award of Creative Services Director Joe Johnson. With them are, left to right, Sandi Gouge, associate vice chancellor for communications and marketing, who nominated Johnson, Johnson, his wife Sue Johnson and Dr. Hawkins.

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Commissioners want repair work addressed at Mt. Pleasant/Ino Senior Citizen Centers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Oct. 10, to take the necessary steps in correcting problems at two senior citizen centers.

According to commission chairman Doug Dalrymple, both the Mt. Pleasant and Ino Senior Citizen Centers have had problems with heating and air conditioning systems from the beginning, but the county has been unable to get the builders to

return and correct the problems. He said these problems, along with a list of other problems, should already have been corrected.

Dalrymple said a mechanical engineer looked at both centers after building was complete and came back with a list of problem items. He said the project's architect forwarded that list to the builder, and the builder was supposed to come back and correct the problems.

Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion during Monday's meeting asking the county's attorney, Joe Cassidy, to proceed with any steps necessary including litigation against the contractors to see these problems are addressed. The motion called for the correction of the

heating and cooling system problem and any other noted deficiencies at the centers.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said the county attorney most likely will begin this year means necessary procedure by writing a letter to the named contractors, Anderson Builders and Waid Parrish Architecture Inc., asking them to address the problems. He said failure to comply could result in the county seeking litigation.

Commissioners entertained a request during Monday's meeting from County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns to create the position of GIS (Global International Satellite)

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FALL IS IN THE AIR AND IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE the 62nd Annual National Peanut Festival. On Saturday, Oct. 15, there will be 55 young ladies from three states vying for the title of Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen. Little Miss Queens from Coffee County that will participate in the pageant include: Little Miss Coffee County - Katlyn Brianna Grogg; Little Miss Elba - Caitlin Rochelle Bradshaw; Little Miss Enterprise - Taylor Elizabeth Rester; the reigning Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen - Shelby Lee; Little Miss Kinston - Sarah Brianna Moore; Little Miss New Brockton - Melissa Abigail Hutto and Little Miss Zion Chapel - Kelli Leigh Grant.

County BOE holds routine monthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Other than a lengthy executive session to discuss pending litigation, the Coffee County Board of Education, moved quickly through the agenda for the regular monthly board meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 6.

Board member voted to enter the executive session regarding the pending litigation returned to open session 30-45 minutes later; however, no action was taken during the meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Linda

Ingram gave updates on projects. She said the renovation projects at New Brockton are progressing well while the gym floor at Kinston "looks great."

At Zion Chapel, Ingram said the new gym floor has been put down.

Ingram also took time during the meeting to "throw" a bit about the Kinston Schools volleyball team. She said the team has been named to the "Super 25" in Alabama, and as of last week was ranked #2 in the state in class 1A.

Dr. Ingram said the team and coach should be commended for their hard work and the great season they are having.

Dr. Ingram also told board members the first early morning truancy court was held Thursday morning. She said nine students in Coffee County were found to have the five unexcused absences which qualify the student for truancy court. Of the nine students, Ingram

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ELBA WELCOMES NEW FLORAL SHOP. The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed siblings Delonda and Marty Harrelson to business last Thursday, Oct. 6, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Wildflowers Florist and Gifts opened Friday, Sept. 2, at 322 Buford Street in Elba and offers an array of floral and gift ideas to customers. Those present for last Thursday's ribbon cutting included (from left): Lynn Baker, Laurie Chapman, Miss Elba Kendall Stinson, Doris Matthews, Marty Harrelson - AIFD, Morgan Harrelson, Taylor Harrelson, Delonda Harrelson, Aaron Harrelson, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Alton Harrelson, Mike Harrelson, Debiha Harrelson, Future Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin, Denise Sauls with son Collin, Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw, Eddie Vaughan, Junior Miss Elba Christina Bryant and Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



VEHICLE VS. LIGHT POLE. Those traveling through downtown Elba Tuesday morning, Oct. 11, found City of Elba electric crews working to replace a light pole near the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Simmons Street. While the reason for the replacement was not immediately evident, a little research revealed the light pole was damaged during the early morning hours after being struck by a vehicle in which the driver was attempting to elude police officers. Shortly after midnight Tuesday morning, Oct. 11, an officer with the Elba Police Department clocked the driver of a small pickup truck traveling at a rate of speed above the legal limit coming into Elba on Hwy. 87 near the levee. According to reports, the officer was going to attempt to stop the driver for speeding when he tried to elude the officer. Upon reaching the intersection of Claxton Ave. and Simmons St., the driver apparently lost control and collided with the light pole. He then tried to flee on foot; however, officers were able to capture him. Officers also found the pickup truck to be reported as stolen. The driver, Richard Scott McConnell, age 22, of Elba was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, first; speeding, attempting to elude, running a stop sign and driving with a suspended driver's license. Following his arrest, McConnell was placed in the Coffee County Jail. As officers with the Elba Police Department continue investigating this incident, other charges may be filed against the suspect. Above, Elba Police officer John Nelson directs traffic through the intersection while members of the City of Elba electric department complete the replacement of the light pole.

Elba Council looks at taking on garbage pick-up

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council took the first step to get back into the garbage pick-up business Monday evening. They also let a bid to demolish more of the old high school and passed a resolution for an airport grant application.

NEWS BRIEF

Due to increased operating costs, it is necessary for the Town of New Brockton Water and Sewer Board to increase the water and sewer rates by 26 percent.

The new rates will be on next month's billing.

This figure was recommended by Alabama Rural Development and Alabama Rural Water Association, in order to meet the costs that are needed to deliver clean water as determined by federal regulations. The efforts to deliver safe drinking water to all customers are continuing.

tional employees to operate the garbage truck, with the street department helping out during times of sickness, etc. The estimates on annual gasoline costs were based on the documented expenses of operating the trash pick-up trucks.

Danny's Dozier was low bidder on demolishing the auditorium and the East wing of the old Elba High School. The bid was \$20,000 to tear down the decaying facility and dispose of the debris. The only other bid was for \$80,000. The work must be completed by March 31, 2006.

A resolution was passed authorizing an application in the amount of \$42,504.00 from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation. This will be used in the Carl Folsom Airport upgrade which is underway. The 2006 part of this ongoing project is expected to cost \$1,700,000, with the major portion coming from federal funds. Mayor Grimes said these funds will be used to acquire some additional properties, clearing and grubbing on property already acquired and for runway and taxiway construction.

Monthly bills totaling \$169,420.76 were approved for payment. Grimes noted that some of this was a \$13,441.50 payment for work on the downtown redevelopment and \$44,000 was the work on the street repairs from damages during the sewer repair work several years ago.

Area Happenings

THE 2005 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON starts week eight Friday, Oct. 14, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will host Wickburg, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Houston Academy, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host Adrian, the Kinston Bulldogs will host Golden and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Pleasant Home. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE will be Friday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. Parade participants should meet behind the old high school for lineup between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. The deadline for entering the parade is Thursday, Oct. 13, at 12 Noon. Call Elba High School at 897-2266 for further information or to submit an entry.

A COLLEGE FAIR will be held from Elba High School's Commons Area on Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 p.m. Representatives from colleges across Alabama and north Florida, as well as, recruiters from all branches of the armed services will be on hand to provide information to students from Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston. Parents are invited to attend the College Fair.

ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL OF JAZZ will sponsor the 2nd Annual Jazz Day Festival at the Zion Chapel School campus Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The day's activities will include arts and crafts, gas, pony rides, food, etc. For more information, call Bessie Parker (897-6143 or 897-1055) or Wyatt Coston (897-3115 or 341-3969). Admission for this event will be a donation of a new or used children's book or a dollar.

NOTICE

The Carl Folsom Airport in Elba once again will be the site of a Fall Fly-In.

AAA Chapter 551 and Wing Nuts Inc. together will host this annual event Saturday, Oct. 22.

Everyone is encouraged to come out early and enjoy a pancake breakfast. During lunch hours, barbecue will be available. Also on site will be a shirt vendor, etc.

For more information, contact Mike Haynes, Fly-In coordinator, at (334) 897-1137, or visit the website: www.flyinmike.com